

three of them having been collected, namely, *M. inodora* L., *M. Chamomilla* L., and *M. suaveolens* (Pursh) Buchenau. The Artemisias are also well represented, six having been collected as follows: *A. Dracunculus* L., *A. annua* L., *A. biennis* Willd., *A. frigida* Willd., *A. campestris* L., var. *pubescens* (Jord. & Fourr.) Rouy & Foucaud, also *A. Absinthium* L., the last being the only member of the genus that is established and thriving.

For the past two years many plants in a portion of this place have been killed by the fumes of an acid factory while those that survive are badly seared and burned by the deadly gases.

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CASTANEA PUMILA IN EASTERN MASSACHUSETTS.—I am surprised to hear from Prof. Fernald that there is apparently no published record of the occurrence of *Castanea pumila* (L.) Mill. in the Stony Brook Metropolitan Reservation in Boston. Two clumps of this southern dwarf chestnut have been known there for at least fifteen years.

I have forgotten to whom belongs the credit of first discovery, but I am inclined to think the station was first found by Prof. John G. Jack of the Arnold Arboretum, who accompanied a party of botanists bent on collecting this plant, so rare in our neighborhood, on June 26th, 1897. We found the two clumps some two hundred feet apart from each other, and in fine flower at that time. They were growing a few feet from a rough cart road on a dry, sandy hillside, among dwarf oaks. On October 2nd, 1898, I secured some fine fruiting specimens. I have not visited the station since 1904, at which time it was still thriving. How this *Castanea* got started in this spot is a mystery. It is very seldom cultivated, and none of it was known to exist in the neighborhood at the time we first saw it. The place where it is growing, moreover, was remote from habitations and gardens, and seldom visited prior to the establishment of the Stony Brook Reservation in the late nineties, except by small boys in pursuit of mud turtles and pickerel in the pond near by.—E. F. WILLIAMS, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

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WINTER MEETING, JOSSELYN BOTANICAL SOCIETY OF MAINE.—About thirty people interested in Maine plants attended the Josselyn Society meeting held in Portland, at the rooms of the Portland Society